

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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FARNESOID X RECEPTOR  
LIGAND BINDING DOMAIN AND  
METHODS OF USE THEREFOR  
  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2008,  
concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are included in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page  
2 of this communication.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this communication.